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## LIGHT AND WATER ELECTION

At the election last Monday, the old Board of Light and Water Commissioners was given an emphatic endorsement. The vote received by Mr. Crouch was indeed flattering. There are, of course, some mutterings of discontent about the way certain things happened and how certain promises were broken. But the fact remains that a large majority of the tax-paying strength of the town is in favor of the actions of the old Board, and endorsed its method of doing business in the past, as well as expressed confidence for the future. As THE TRANSCRIPT has pointed out, there can be no doubt that the members of the Board have well managed and improved both the Light and Water plants; they have given of their time and loaned their individual credit to the improvement; they have doubled the capacity of the light plant without increase of the bonded debt, and with a floating debt of only \$5000; they have made of the deep wells a success. All of these have cost money and much labor. The plant is to-day well worth all that it has cost. On more than one occasion, the water works, in connection with the Hose Company, has saved the town from a disastrous fire. The lights make life in the town more pleasant, and are furnished as cheap as in any other town on the peninsula or elsewhere, except in places using water power to generate electricity.

All of this entered into the contest, and the only question raised by the "Reformers" was that of free light and water. This question is probably determined by the election. By the vote cast the action of the Board, even if it includes the free light and water is endorsed.

## AN IMPORTANT AMENDMENT

"By a vote of ten to one the Senate has broadened the scope of the railway rate bill in an altogether new direction. The adoption of the amendment providing that after May 1st, 1906, no corporation acting as a common carrier shall be permitted to transport from one State to another 'any article or commodity manufactured, mined or produced by it, or under its authority, or which it may own in whole or in part, or in which it may have any interest, direct or indirect,' is a direct blow aimed at a practice whose prevalence is now generally regarded as an abuse which has attained dangerous proportions in strengthening and spreading corporate power.

"The purpose of this amendment is to confine railroads to the primary business for which they received their charters and their valuable privilege of exercising the right or eminent domain—the business of acting as the carriers of persons and goods. It would prevent the same corporation from mining coal, taking it into another State and selling it there. In that respect it aims to do with regard to interstate commerce what the Pennsylvania Constitution was designed to do within the limits of this Commonwealth.

"The principle thus laid down, whether it is applied to coal, oil, or any other commodity, is essentially a sound one. The period of practically two years which is specified before this section of the law goes into effect should give railroad companies an opportunity to dispose of their coal holdings or other sources of production without undue loss to their stockholders. The clause, therefore, it is not to be considered as confiscatory in any sense.

It embodies a safeguard which will undoubtedly meet with nearly unanimous public approval."—Evening Bulletin.

## Fear Crop Damaged

The Keifer Pear crop on this Peninsula for the current year is believed to be a failure. In some sections there may be an exception but as a rule the fruit will be very scarce. The buds have begun to fall from the trees and the ground in many of the orchards is littered with dead blossoms, while many trees appear to be stripped entirely. The frost in April is believed to have caused the trouble, but so far as is known, nothing was damaged in the slightest degree, except the Keifer pear, and it was probably damaged from present indication there will be only a fraction of a crop.

## THE DOG QUESTION

Mr. Editor:—I note the Town Commissioners have passed another ordinance relative to dogs, copies of which are posted for the public's attention. I would like to ask a question or two. They say the owner of a dog must have him registered, collar and tag put on him, and a metal muzzle, for which registry a fee of one dollar is charged. The owner is already taxed from fifty cents to two dollars for his dog; why this double cost? Then again the notice says: "any dog not tagged, collared and muzzled will be killed," in extra large letters. Who is to do the killing, and who is to pay the damages? Will the Town Commissioners pay the damages? yes, they will pay their share of taxes—but the rest of us don't want to help pay them. The writer is not a lawyer and therefore cannot state the legal status of the case, but the law of common sense tells us that what is sense for the goose is sense for the gander, and we are taxed as citizens to pay for water when we don't use it, because it is for fire protection, and for light we do not use because the town and to pay for it, and it strikes me that if my dog (if I had one) should get away from home without all the legal harness on him and he should be killed, a good lawyer would be employed to see where the protection to me and mine comes in.

Do you mean, gentlemen, to deprive us of the privilege of keeping a dog? Do you mean to put costs on us without adequate protection to our property? A dog is property—you have made him property by taxing and imposing penalties. Do you mean to arbitrarily say to us you are not allowed to have a dog unless he is harnessed up all the time, enough to give a dog the rabies, even if he has never been bitten. Your law is unjust, unfair; you do not give the owner any chance at all, but if he should be seen on the street without tag &c., he will be killed. Oh, no, Mr. Commissioners that won't do. People will not stand it. We are all entitled to a chance to save our pets. The matter can be made entirely satisfactory to all by establishing a pound. Let the stray dogs or unmuzzled, untagged dogs be impounded for 48 hours. Making a small charge for cost, and if the owner does not appear to claim it then dispatch it; no reasonable citizen would object to that course.

And again, all the dogs seen on our streets do not belong in Middletown. Dogs come in from the country, there is a great many dogs in "Ham Town." They are on our streets, going to kill them too! If so all right, when you get them all killed there will not be many left, only a few around in our town.

## WILL FINE SCHOOL CLERKS

Arthur R. Spaid, county superintendent of free schools in New Castle county, is determined that the clerks of school districts in the county shall do their duty. Many of the clerks have been negligent in collecting the taxes and as a consequence the commissioners do not have the money with which to keep the schools open.

There are several schools closed at the present time and a number of others will shortly be closed for this year. Superintendent Spaid recently obtained from Attorney-General Robert H. Richards an opinion regarding the duties of clerks of the school districts. Attorney-General Richards in his opinion decided that under the law every clerk who fails to collect the taxes levied in his school district is liable to a fine of \$100.

## TOWSEND

Mrs. John Stradley is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Albert Wilson and family spent Sunday near Blackbird.

Leonard Dickinson, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Lillian West visited Miss Elsie Carey, near Smyrna, last week.

Joseph H. Jones, of Philadelphia, visited relatives in town over Sunday.

Thomas Lushy, of near Kennedysville, Md., was a visitor in town over Sunday.

Miss Anna R. Lawson was the guest of relatives in Esomere Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Allen, of Middletown, spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Jane Wilson.

Miss Bessie Palmer, of Wilmington, was the guest of friends in and near town last week.

Mrs. D. B. Maloney and daughter, Miss Edith, were in Philadelphia and Wilmington this week.

Mrs. and Mr. William Price, of Betterton, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watts, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Money entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of Townsend M. E. Church Tuesday evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Union M. E. Church was entertained Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Deakney.

Mrs. Albert Watts and son Edgar, of Cecilton, Md., were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Shockley, last week.

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## WARWICK

Mrs. J. W. Parris is visiting in Wilmington.

Our public schools close here on June 1st, 1906.

Mr. E. A. Jones was a Wilmington visitor on Monday.

Mrs. Hamel Bonchelle has returned from Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. M. Garner spent Monday in Wilmington, Del.

Master W. W. Aikin has returned to his home in Middletown, Del.

Crops have been greatly benefited by the rains of the past week.

Senior Endeavor prayer meeting tomorrow evening at 7.30.

Mr. Joseph Sullivan spent Sunday with his brother, John in Middle Neck.

Miss Myrtle Stradley spent from Friday until Monday with her parents in Cecilton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hodgson, of near Sasafas, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lattimore this week.

Mrs. James S. Merritt, of Golts, has returned to her home after a visit with her son, James S., Jr.

Owing to poor health Miss Mamie L. Merritt has given up her studies for the present school year.

R. B. Merritt, Jr., has been grading his front yard during the past week and will erect a new front fence.

Mrs. Robert Lipscomb has returned to her home in Wilmington, after a week's visit with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wilson were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Spear on Bohemia Manor.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., has organized a degree team and will prepare themselves for the work at once.

Miss Bessie W. Gunkle will have charge of the music at the Sunday School Convention which convenes in Cecilton Saturday and Sunday, May 19th and 20th.

Mrs. C. Richard Manlove, of near Middletown, accompanied by Miss Bertha Eaton, of the Quaker City, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Mary A. Lofland on Tuesday.

There will be preaching at the M. P. Church on Sunday morning followed by communion. The public is most cordially invited to be present. Rev. Frank S. Cain, pastor.

Mr. M. Nock, State Superintendent of the Maryland Methodist Protestant Sunday Schools will lecture in the M. P. Church, May 18th, at 8 P. M. Subject: "That girl of yours." Admission, 10 cents to all.

Bertha Perkins was assaulted while on her way from school by Arolie Lambert (colored). The little girl is only seven years of age. Lambert was arraigned before Squire Johnson and held under \$200 bail for his appearance at court.

## CECILTON

Miss Mawson was the guest of Miss Marian Griffith on Sunday.

Miss Hyile Boudien spent a few days of the past week in Philadelphia.

Miss Carrie Pearson, of Ridgely, is visiting her cousin, Miss Lillie Short.

Fred E. Hoover, of St. John's, Annapolis, spent over Sunday at his home here.

Mark Vinard has returned from spending a few weeks with relatives in Chester.

Miss Cruikshank, of Baltimore, is visiting her cousin, Miss Arrie Cruikshank.

Mrs. Frank Bennett is entertaining her father, Mr. Van Baskirk, of Chesapeake City.

Mr. George Beaton is having a front addition built to his home on Texas street.

Miss Mary Anderson, of Spill Pond, has been spending a few days at her home in town.

Mrs. Jennie Price has been spending a few days of this week with relatives in Baltimore.

A Souvenir Postal Card social was held in the parish building on Wednesday evening last.

The Zion M. E. Sunday School will hold a convention here on Saturday and Sunday, May 19th and 20th.

Miss Margaret Bullock, of Wilmington, has been visiting her cousins, Misses Emma and Blanche Brown, during the past week.

B. J. Goussard died at his home in town on Wednesday morning, after a short illness of paralysis, aged 72 years. The funeral services were held at St. Pauls on Friday at 2 P. M.; interment in St. Pauls Cemetery.

Mr. John Coppage who succeeded Mr. John Morris, now deceased, in the undertaking and furniture business, has moved his family with Mrs. Morris, and John Betts, the wheelwright, now occupies the house vacated by Mr. Coppage.

## ST. GEORGES

Albert Stewart spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. C. S. Smith is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Miss Bertha Reynolds was the guest of Miss Grace Brewington on Sunday.

Herbert Cann returned on Tuesday from a visit to his parents in Delaware City.

Mrs. P. C. Rosecrans and Miss Lucie Hill spent Sunday and Monday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Benjamin Simmons and wife and Mrs. Theodore Jones spent Sunday in Christiansburg.

Lester Hopkins, of Wilmington, has been visiting his uncle, John Lester, for the past week.

Mr. Benjamin Calk, of Newark, was the guest of William Janvier and family part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Batten and Miss Maybel Jones spent Sunday with Albert Davidson and family.

Mrs. Walter Smith and daughter Lillian, of Wilmington, visited the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heisel, on Sunday.

Mr. Joseph Heisel and the old and respected citizen, fell in the yard of his home on Thursday morning, was carried into the house and expired in a few moments.

Miss Bessie Catlin and William Tipping, both of England who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. George Vincent, for the past year, were quietly married at the M. E. Parsonage by the Rev. J. A. Brewington, on Wednesday evening, and on Thursday left for their new home near Avondale, Pa.

Address, Townsend, Delaware.

## ODESSA

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watkins have been spending this week in Norfolk, Va.

Miss C. V. Janvier, of Wilmington, is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Watkins.

Mr. Sloomkoff, a native of Bulgaria, spoke at prayer meeting last night in the M. E. Church.

John Kielkopf, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. J. G. Kielkopf and wife.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the class room of the M. E. Church on Wednesday evening.

Miss Helen Townsend had as her guest part of last week Miss Helen Harper, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Alvin Rose, of Philadelphia, is spending this week here with his aunt, Miss Mollie Rose.

Mr. George H. Cleaver, of Philadelphia, visited friends in town from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Catherine Whitlock has returned home after a very pleasant visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. Edward Rhein, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Rhein.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Green and son, of Philadelphia, spent part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cleaver.

Children's Day will be observed by the Presbyterian Sunday School on Sunday evening, May 27th, to which all are cordially invited.

Miss Annie Workman, of Penn's Grove, N. J., and daughter, Miss Alida, of Wilmington, were guests of her sister, Mrs. Mary Morgan, part of last week.

To-morrow, (Sunday), will be the 17th anniversary of the Epworth League, and the local Chapter has secured J. P. Holland of Milford, to speak in the evening. Services will begin at 7.30 P. M. There will be no other Epworth League Devotional service that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cleaver entertained at their home near town on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. William A. Davidson, of Delaware City; Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Green and son, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. D. Battledge and daughter Bertha, and Mr. Julian Cleaver, of the Leves; Mr. George Cleaver, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George and family, of McDonough; Mr. Isaac M. Green, of Middletown, and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cleaver, of this town.

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Narcissa B. Cowling by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Mary V. Cowling.

We, therefore, Commanded You, as you were heretofore commanded, That you summon Mary V. Cowling that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday the Twenty-first day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Narcissa B. Cowling according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ, Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-eighth day of March A. D. nineteen hundred and six.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN, Prothonotary.

Issued April 18, 1906.

## RE-ITERATION OF ORDER

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS, New Castle County, Del., Dec. 4th, 1905.

Until the application of Howard A. Pool, Administrator of Clarence Cochran, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator said deceased be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday the Twenty-first day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Narcissa B. Cowling according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Nov. 2nd, 1905.

Upon the application of Edward Hart, Administrator of C. A. R. Brinkley late of Appoquinimink Hundred in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator said deceased be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday the Twenty-first day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Narcissa B. Cowling according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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GEO. F. LEE, Pharmacist, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, William P. Young by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Lucelia C. Young.

We, therefore, Commanded You, as you were heretofore commanded, That you summon Lucelia C. Young that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday the Twenty-first day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, William P. Young according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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FRANK L. SPEAKMAN, Prothonotary.

Issued April 4, 1906.

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## E. H. BECK, MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Daniel M. Jones by his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Bettie A. Jones.

We, therefore, Commanded You, as you were heretofore commanded, That you summon Bettie A. Jones that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday the Twenty-first day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Daniel M. Jones according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ, Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-eighth day of March A. D. nineteen hundred and six.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN, Prothonotary.

Issued April 5-1906.

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